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RECORDS OF THE
ARIZONA SUPERINTENDENCY OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
1863-1873

On the 8 rolls of this microfilm publication are reproduced 8 volumes and a number of unbound records of the Arizona Superintendency of Indian Affairs, 1863-73.

From 1789 to 1824 Indian Affairs were administered in the Office of the Secretary of the War. In 1824 a separate agency, the Office of Indian Affairs, was created in the War Department. In 1849 the Office of Indian Affairs was transferred to the Department of the Interior, and in 1947 it was renamed the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

During the 19th century superintendencies and agencies were the two principal field jurisdictions of the Office of Indian Affairs. Superintendents had general responsibility of Indian Affairs in a specific geographical area. Their duties included supervision of relations between the Government and citizens of the United States and the Indian Tribes, as well as the conduct and accounts of the Indian agents within their jurisdiction. Agents were usually responsible for the affairs of one tribe or reservation. Until about 1878 most agents were responsible to the Superintendent, although some reported directly to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington.

The Arizona Superintendency was established in 1863 with the organization of the Territory of Arizona (12 Stat. 664). Arizona previously had part of New Mexico Territory, and Indian Affairs were handled by the New Mexico Superintendency. Until 1866 the boundaries of Arizona Territory included the southern part Nevada, but Arizona was reduced to its present area when it became a State in 1912 (37 Stat. 1728). Although it was customary for the Governor to act as ex officio superintendent for at least several years after a Territory was established, a separate official was always appointed as the superintendent in Arizona. The headquarters for the superintendency was established originally at La Paz, but in 1869 it was moved to Arizona City where it remained until its abolishment in 1873.

Between 1863 and 1865 the superintendent established a number of temporary agencies. The permanent agencies that were gradually established were as follows: Colorado River in 1864 for Yavapi, Walapai, Mohave, Yume, scattered Apache, and other small tribes; Gila River in 1864 (known as the Papago Agency, 1864-65, and as the Pima, Pagano, and Maricopa Agency, 1865-69) for Pima, Pagano, Maricopa, and "Tame" Apache Indians; Moqui Pueblo in 1869 for Moqui Pueblo (Hopi) Indians; and Pagano in 1871 (separated from Gila River) for Pagano Indians. During the years 1871 and 1872 the Camp Apache, Chiricahua, Camp Grant, Rio Verde, and San Carlos Agencies were established for several different groups of Apache Indians. By 1876 these agencies were consolidated into the San Carlos Agency. The Navajo Agency, although located most of the time at Fort Defiance, Ariz., was assigned to the New Mexico Superintendency.

The records of the Arizona Superintendency relate to almost all aspects of Indian administration within its jurisdiction. There are documents relating to negotiation and enforcement of treaties; land surveys; intrusions on Indian Lands; law order; annuity and other payments; hostilities and military operations; depredation claims; traders and licenses; location of agencies, schools, mills, and blacksmith shops; construction and repair of buildings; and purchase adding employees and accounts. Most of the correspondence of the superintendency was conducted with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and with the agents in the superintendency. There was also correspondence with such persons as field officials and employees of the Office of Indian Affairs, Army officers, Treasury Department officials, traders, contractors, and Indians.

The records reproduced in this microfilm publication consist of consist of five series of records of the Arizona Superintendency:

1. Registers of Letters Received, 1868-72. Arranged chronologically by date of receipt in two volumes. Most entries include name and address of writer, date of letter, and subject matter.
2. Letters Received, 1863-73. Also included are such documents as vouchers, estimates, contracts, financial statements, copies of letters sent, and invoices. The records are arranged by year, thereunder mainly by source, and thereunder chronologically. The sources of most letters were the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the different agencies within the superintendency. There are some variations in the arrangement from year to year.
3. Letterbook of Charles D. Poston, 1863-64. Consists primarily of handwritten copies of letters sent by the first superintendent of the Arizona Superintendency. Also included are copies of a few letters received from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Blank numbered pages have not been filmed.
4. Letters Sent, 1865-66, 1871, 1872. Press copies arranged chronologically in two volumes. Both volumes contain 1871 letters for nearly similar periods, and first volume contains one 1872 letter. The volumes are in poor condition: several letters are illegible and a few have pages. Blank numbered pages have not been filmed.
5. Letters Sent, 1868-73. Handwritten copies arranged chronologically in three volumes. Alphabetical indexes in the first and third volumes are filmed at the beginning of the volumes. Beside the letters in the volume (and to some extent in the second one), there are marginal notations that indicate the page numbers of other letters sent to the page numbers of other letters sent to the same addressee. Some of the 1871 letters are duplicates of the press copies mentioned in series

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with Various Indian Tribes, 1801-69 (Microcopy T-494); and Special Files of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1807-1904 (Microcopy 574).

Records have also been microfilmed for other superintendencies: Michigan, 1814-51 (Microcopy 1); New Mexico, 1849-80 (Microcopy T-21); Oregon, 1848-73 (Microcopy 2); Washington, 1853-74 (Microcopy 5); and Southern Superintendency, 1832-70 (Microcopy 640).

The records reproduced in this microcopy were prepared by Herman J. Viola, who also wrote these introductory remarks and provided other editorial material.

COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>
William P. Dole	Mar. 13, 1861
Dennis N. Cooley	July 10, 1865
Lewis V. Bogy	Nov. 1, 1866
Nathaniel G. Taylor	Mar 29, 1867
Ely S. Parker	Apr. 21, 1869
Francis P. Smith	Mar. 20, 1873

SUPERINTENDENTS OF ARIZONA SUPERINTENDENCY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Charles D. Poston	Mar. 13, 1863
George W. Leihy	Mar. 3, 1865
George W. Dent	Aug. 9, 1866
Bvt. Col. George W. Andrews	July 7, 1869
Herman Bendell	Jan. 12, 1871
John A. Tonner	Mar. 26, 1873

SPECIAL AGENTS AND AGENTS

Gila river (Pima) agency

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
M.O. Davidosn	Began Service as Pagano Agent, Feb. 24, 1864 Pima and Maricopa, Sept. 12, 1865
Levi Ruggles	Apr. 28, 1866
Capt. F. E. Grossman	July 23, 1869
Edward Palmer	Feb. 8, 1871
J.H. Stout	May 25, 1871

(special)
(agent)

July 23, 1872

Papago Agency

R.A. Wilbur
(special)
(agent)

Feb. 8, 1871
July 23, 1872

Colorado River Agency

John C. Dunn
John Feudge
Lt. J.W. Keller
Lt. Helenus Dodt
John A. Tooner
(special)
(agent)
E.S. Hammond (agent)
John A. Tonner (agent)

July 1, 1864
Nov. 7, 1865
July 8, 1869
July 28, 1869
Mar. 10, 1871
July 23, 1872
Mar. 26, 1873
July 15, 1873

Became agent when
superintendency was
abolished.

Moqui Pueblo Agency

Capt. A.D. Palmer
William D. Crothers
(special)
(agent)
William S. Defrees (agent)

Aug. 20, 1869
Oct. 22, 1870
July 23, 1872
June 18, 1873

Camp Grant Academy

Lt. Royal E. Whitman
Edward C. Jacobs
Charles F. Larrabe

Nov. 13, 1871
Mar. 4, 1872
Dec. 9, 1872

Rio Verde Agency

Josephus W. Williams
Oliver Chapman

Mar. 4, 1872
Sept. 25, 1874

Chiricahua Agency

Thomas J. Jeffords
(special)

Sept. 16, 1872
July 13, 1874

(agent)

Camp Apache Agency

Milan Soule (acting)
James E. Roberts

Aug. 11, 1872
Sept. 28, 1872

San Carlos Agency

George H. Stevens (acting)
Charles F. Larrabee

Sept. 1, 1872
Transferred from Camp
Grant, Jan. 1873.
June 1873

Maj. W.W. Brown (acting)

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